## KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT

## **News Release**

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## Ocean Safety officials advising no swimming on North Shore

Ocean Safety officials are advising no swimming or snorkeling at all north facing shores including 'Anini Beach, due to high surf and dangerous ocean conditions.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has posted a High Surf Warning for all north and west facing shores of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau through 6 p.m. Saturday. The warning may be extended or modified as conditions develop.

Lifequards are reporting waves of up to 15 feet and rising on the North Shore with very strong rip currents. Spectators are also advised to use extreme caution, as large breaking waves could make it dangerous for those standing along the shoreline.

"Please stay well away from the high water line, and if you notice the sand or rocks are wet then stay away from those areas," stated Ocean Safety Supervisor Kalani Vierra. "Remember to know your limit, know the conditions and when in doubt, don't go out."

Beachgoers are urged to heed all posted warnings and advisories.

Ocean Safety officials advise swimming or snorkeling at Lydgate, Poʻipū or Salt Pond beaches.

For updated information on ocean and weather alerts, visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hawaii.

For up-to-date information about ocean conditions and ocean safety, please speak to a county lifeguard at any lifeguard station, log onto www.kauaiexplorer.com, or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 241-4984.